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1. Pyromechanical separating element having a hermetically sealed pyrotechnic pressure element (2),

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- which is installed in a housing (1) and has a gasforming pyrotechnic charge, and a detachable latching
 pin (5) which is separated from the pressure element
 (2) by a driving volume (19) and is inserted into the
 housing (1), wherein a first securing point is arranged
- on the housing (1) and a second securing point is arranged on the latching pin (5), and the latching pin (5) is anchored on the housing (1) by way of an arresting and force-limiting element (8).
- 2. Separating element according to claim 1, characterised in that the arresting and force-limiting element (8) is a plate spring with preferably crownshaped incisions which in the latched state sits both in a latching-pin groove (9) in the latching pin (5) and in a housing groove (10).
 - 3. Separating element according to claim 1, characterised in that the arresting and force-limiting element (8) is a sheet-metal ring or a spring ring
- which in the latched state sits both in a latching-pin groove (9) in the latching pin (5) and in a housing groove (10).
 - 4. Separating element according to claim 1,
- characterised in that the arresting and force-limiting element (8) is a radial projection (18) on the latching pin (5) that engages into a housing groove (16) on the housing (1).
- 5. Separating element according to one of claims 1 to4, characterised in that arranged on the outer

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circumference of the latching pin (5) there is a sealing ring (29 sic) which is let into a groove.